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**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

As below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Method and Device for Short-Term Thermal-Treatment of Flat Objects**, bearing Serial No. 10/725,914, filed December 1, 2003.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief the facts stated therein are true.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(3) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

German Application No. 101 28 190.0 Filed June 8, 2001  
German Application No. 101 32 709.9 Filed July 5, 2001

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States Provisional Application(s) listed below.

None

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current between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

PCT/EP02/05767 Filed May 25, 2002

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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